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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D C 20554

In the	e Matter of)	MM Docket No	
Amendment of Section 73 202(b), Table of Allotments			RM	
FM Broadcast Stations (Americus, Georgia))		
То	Chief, Allocations Branch			
	Policy and Rules Division			
	Mass Media Bureau			

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

SSR Communications Incorporated hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments (§73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules) to assign FM Channel 295A to Americus. Georgia, as that community's *second competing commercial* FM broadcast service, as follows

City	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Americus, Georgia	203A, 207C1, 234C3 254C3	203 A, 207C1, 234C3 254C3, 295A

- Americus is an incorporated community with a 2000 U S Census recorded population of 17,013 persons Americus is a bona-fide community for allotment purposes it is home to current commercial FM stations WISK and WDEX, two noncommercial educational FM stations, and AM station WISK.
- As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 295A can be assigned to the community of Americus using the hand of Copies 1860.

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reference site 32-04-51 N, 84-15-20 W. Although no site restriction is required for this proposed allotment, these reference coordinates reflect a site restriction of approximately one kilometer west of the incorporated city limits of Americus. This site is co-located to the current WISK-FM radio tower, so as to demonstrate that the community of Americus has allowed tower construction in the past. SSR has *not* obtained the permission of the licensee of WISK-FM (Sumter Broadcasting Company, Inc.) for the purpose of colocating Channel 295A at the reference site, though the usable area in which this allotment could be accommodated is relatively large. SSR does not feel that it will run into any major obstacles in the event that it would need to construct a new tower for the proposed facility. At the reference site, all minimum distance separation requirements of §73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules are met, as well as the principal community contour coverage requirements of §73 315. This allotment **does** short-space station one current station: WCGQ (Columbus, GA) on 227C by more than 8 kilometers. The station does not, at present, meet the Commission's requirements for a full class C station. SSR proposes that WCGQ be downgraded to Class CO status. SSR wishes the Commission to put forth a Show Cause Order to WCGQ and allowing the requisite 30-day window to express in writing its intention to tile for full class C status. Absent of such expression, SSR wishes for the Commission to downgrade the status of WCGQ to CO.

3. In the event that Channel 295A be allotted to Americus, Georgia, SSR Communications Incorporated will file an application (Form **301**) for a Construction Permit to operate a new FM broadcast station at Americus and, if authorized, will build the station promptly.

Dated November 30, 2002

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Respectfully submitted,

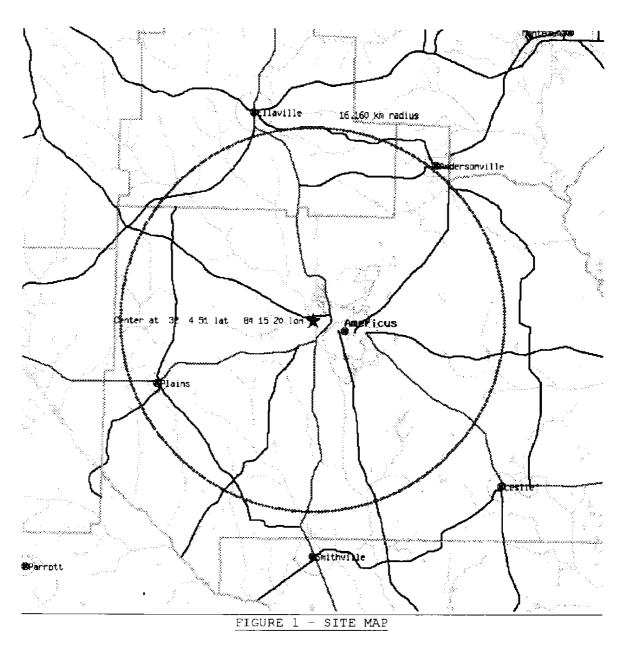
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EXHIBIT 1 Site Map and Separation Requirements



Proposed Channel 295A (106.9MHz) Americus, GA 70 dBu Contour

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Proposed City of License: Arnericus, GA Coordinates: 32-04-51 N, 84-15-20 W

Channel: 295A

FCC Database Date: 11/28/2002

Station	Ch	Freq. Cla	£ Type	City of License	St	Dist	Req Dist	Diff	Resu
WCGQ	297	107 C	FM LIC	COLUMBUS	GA	86.72	95.00	8.28	sho
	297	107 C	FA USE	COLUMBUS	GA	86.72	95.00	8.28	sho
WZIQ	293	107 A	FM LIC	SMITHVILLE	GA	31.18	31.00	-0.18	clo
	293	107 A	FA USE	SMITHVILLE	GA	31.18	31.00	-0.18	clo
PROPOSE [297	107 CO	FM LIC	COLUMBUS	GA	86.72	86.00	-0.72	clo
PROPOSED	297	107 C O	FA USE	COLUMBUS	GA	86.72	86.00	-0.72	clo
WOW-FM	294	107 C1	FM LIC	DOUGLAS	GA	139.79	133.00	-6.79	oka
	296	107 C1	FA USE	THOMASVILLE	GA	144.73	133.00	-11.73	oka
	294	107 C1	FA USE	DOUGLAS	GA	144.8	133.00	-11.80	oka
WOW-FM	294	107 C1	FS APF	DOUGLAS	GA	1448	133.00	-11.80	oka
WKMX	294	107 C	FM LIC	ENTERPRISE	AL	177.65	165.00	-12.65	oka
	294	107 C	FA USE	ENTERPRISE	AL	177.65	165.00	-12.65	oka
	292	106 C2	FA USE	FORT VALLEY	GA	67.73	55.00	-12.73	oka
WTLY	296	107 C1	FM LIC	THOMASVILLE	GA	165.67	133.00	-32.67	oka

^{*=} these shortspacings would be resolved with the proposed downgrade of WCGQ to OO at Columbus. GA

CERTIFICATION

I certify that 1 have directly prepared or supervised the preparation of this entire document Although I have received no legal counsel on the authoring of this Petition for Rule Making, I believe it to be accurate and true, to the best of my knowledge

Respectfully Submitted, Date: November 30, 2002

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